

Amendments to the Claims

The claims appearing in the following listing replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-14 (cancelled).

Claim 15. (currently amended) A secondary carpet backing consisting of a nonwoven adhesive fabric needled or thermally bonded to a supporting fabric, wherein the nonwoven adhesive fabric is a self-bonded or spunbonded nonwoven fabric comprising continuous filaments of a thermoplastic resin and the supporting fabric is ~~a tuftable woven primary backing fabric comprising thermoplastic warp and weft yarns having substantially rectangular cross-sections, or~~ an open weave secondary backing fabric comprising thermoplastic warp yarns with a substantially rectangular cross-section woven in a leno weave with thermoplastic weft yarns that are spun yarns or yarns having a substantially rectangular cross-section.

Claims 16-40. (cancelled)

Claim 41. (currently amended) The secondary ~~primary~~ carpet backing of Claim 15 ~~40~~ in which the supporting fabric is woven from polypropylene yarns.

Claim 42. (currently amended) The secondary ~~primary~~ carpet backing of Claim 41 in which the nonwoven fabric is a spunbonded fabric

Claim 43. (currently amended) The secondary ~~primary~~ carpet backing of Claim 41 in which the nonwoven fabric is a self-bonded fabric.

Claim 44. (currently amended) The secondary ~~primary~~ carpet backing of Claim 49 ~~44~~ in which the substantially continuous filaments comprise a thermoplastic resin having a melting point at least about 20°C less than the melting point of the thermoplastic resin of the yarns of the supporting fabric.

Claims 45 and 46. (cancelled)

Claim 47. (currently amended) The secondary carpet backing according to claim 15 ~~46~~ in which the weft yarns comprise spun yarns.

Claim 48. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing of claim 47 in which the warp and weft yarns comprise polypropylene yarns.

Claim 49. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing of Claim 48 in which the warp and weft yarns are woven in a 16 X 5 count.

Claim 50. (cancelled)

Claim 51. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing of Claim 15 in which the substantially continuous filaments comprise a thermoplastic resin having a melting point at least about 20°C less than the melting point of the thermoplastic resin of the yarns of the supporting fabric.

Claims 52-59 (cancelled)